AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0044 with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] Referring now to Figs 9-13, a second aspect of the instant invention will now be described. Figure 9 shows an exemplary toy truck 100 in which the improved wheel shaft assembly of the instant invention can be incorporated. While a truck is shown in Figure 9, any suitable land vehicle can be used. The truck 100 includes front and rear wheels 104 [[102]] and 102 [[104]], at least one of which is driven by a miniature electric motor preferably controlled by a remote control (not shown).

Please replace paragraph 0048 with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] The driving nut 114 is screwed onto the drive shaft to the desired position before the drive shaft is inserted into the hub 106 of the wheel 102. The wheel is then slid onto the drive shaft 116 such that the driving nut 114 is counter sunk into the recess 109 in the hub 106. The locking nut 108 [[114]] is then screwed onto the drive shaft 116, using the lug wrench 110 or other suitable tool, to secure the wheel 102 against the driving nut 114. In this way, the wheel is securely mounted on the drive shaft in a manner that enables it to be removed and replaced, if necessary, while also providing well-balanced and efficient operation for the wheel.

Please replace paragraph 0049 with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] Fig. 13 shows an enlarged partial view of a connection portion of the wheel shaft assembly. As explained above, the power transfer element 122 includes a recess 122a for receiving the head 120 of the drive shaft 116. Fig. 13 shows the non-aligned relationship between the motor 124 and the drive shaft 116 that is enabled by the combined structure of the power transfer element 122 [[36]] and the driven end 126 of the motor. A straight alignment of the drive shaft and motor, or even a direct connection therebetween using the polygon-shaped head 120 [[128]] of the drive shaft can also be used. This structure provides a secure, efficient and reliable transfer of power between the motor 124 and the drive shaft 116.